1st January, 1987 to 10th October, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): 2 persons in 1987 and 4 in 1988 (upto 31-10-88) died in police custody.

Clearance of Pepsi Cola from security angle

1659. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Mr. Donald Kendall of Pepsi Cola has CIA influence having past record of destabilising Governments in South America, as reported in 'India Today' of 15th November, 1987 and might create instability in India in the guise of foreign collaboration between Pepsi and Punjab Agro;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps, like getting a report of Intelligence Bureau from the security angle on the proposed entry of Pepsi and its Chief Mr. Kendall; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry have given a go-ahead from the se curity angle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The report published in 'India Today' of November 15, 1987 has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The visit of foreign nationals to Punjab are regulated through grant of restricted area permits after security vetting, wherever considered necessary. Government of Punjab had intimated that the number of foreign technicians who may be required to go to Punjab in connection with Pepsi Cola Project would be kept to the minimum.

Concessions announced in Tamil Nadu

1660. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of concessions have been announced in the Tamil Nadu on the 7th October, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details of the concessions announced;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) how far it will affect the revenue of the Exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is annexed. [*See* below.]

(c) The main aim in announcing these measures is to improve the competitiveness of the existing industrial units, to accelerate industrial development in the State of Tamil Nadu, to increase production as well as employment opportunities and also to increase substantially the sales turnover.

(d) The shortfall in revenue, if any, cannot be quantified immediately as the impact of the concessions announced will be felt in due course. However, it is expected to result in increased industrial activity leading to increased sales turnover eventually augmenting the revenue to the State exchequer, offsetting any possible shortfall.

Statement

The following concessions have been announced by the Government of Tamil Nadu on 7-10-1988:—

I. *POWER*

1. Processing of applications for new connections in the small scale sector in a time bound manner.

2. Change in the base period of three months for calculating the power quota for H.T. industries from 1-4-83 and 30-11-84 to 1-12-83 and 30-6-88. In the case of sick industries, the base period could be chosen over a longer span of 10 years from 1 10.78 to 30-6-88.

3. Grant of subsidy equivalent to sales tax on Generator Sets to H.T. consumers who have to invest in Generator Sets.

II. *INCENTIVES*

1. Grant of higher capital subsidy to the new units.

2. Interest free sales tax deferral of sales tax limits in respect of new units at higher level of Rs. 2 crores over a 6 year period with an annual ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs as against the present level of Rs. 1 crore and Rs. 20 lakhs respectively.

(Resource based and conventional industries like sugar, cement, textiles, floor mills, rice mills and edible oils and solvent extraction units, hotels and power intensive units will not be eligible for the pioneer unit status.)

3 Modification of the interest free sales tax loan scheme and increasing the annual ceiling for loan from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 25 lakhs.

4. Setting up of Technology Development Centre for Electronics to provide technical counselling on the availability and appropriateness of technology to entrepreneurs and operation of a scheme of R&D grant to technically qualified persons to develop project ideas that could lead to commercial exploitation.

5. Increase in the capital subsidy for leather products manufacturing units to 20% with a ceiling of Rs. 20 lakhs as against the present rates of 15% and Rs. 15 lakhs respectively.

III. *SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES*

1. Introduction of special measures for small scale industries such as revamping of Single Window Agency Committees in the Districts, on the spot clearances from the point of view of building plan approval, pollution control regulations and power sanction at the premises of the District Industries Centres itself, dispensing with the requirement of obtaining prior clearance from the various regulatory agencies, identification of special thrust areas e.g. automobile ancillaries, food processing industries and drugs and pharmaceuticals for future growth of small scale industries and grant of higher capital subsidy and higher quantum of sales tax deferral.

2. Provision of financial assistance at a concessional rate of interest by Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation to encourage adoption of new technology of R&D based activities.

3. Reduction of 1% in the rate of interest on prompt payment of dues.

4. Holding of regular buyer-seller meets by Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. and taking part in industrial exhibitions along with a consortium of the Small Scale industrial units.

5. Posting of a Liaison Officer in Delhi for better dissemination of information on D.G.S.&D. purchases and to effectively improve the State's share in such purchases.

6. Making available of its show rooms by Tamil Nadu Industries Corporation to willing small scale industrial units for marketing their products on negotiated terms and conditions.

IV. *AREA DEVELOPMENT*

1. Review of infrastructural facilities available at the existing industrial complexes set up by the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu and to take coordinated action to provide all facilities to the industrial units.

2. Special emphasis to be given to the development of adequate social infra-structure like housing, education and medical care.

3. Establishment of new electronics industrial complex at Hosur and a leather industry complex at a suitable location.

4. Establishment of technology transfer centre which will act as a clearing house of information on technological developments and also provide guidance to the small scale industrial units in all matters connected with R&D and technological upgradation.

V. *ASSISTANCE TO SERICULTURE INDUSTRY*

1. To encourage development of sericulture industry, nylon nets and one charka to be supplied at 50% cost to each sericulturist and reeler respectively.

2. Working capital requirement of the private reelers to be arranged by the Director of Sericulture through banks and financial institutions.

VI. *SALES TAX CONCESSIONS*

The following concessions are proposed to be notified under the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act:—

(i) Reduction in the rate of tax on commercial vehicles, bodies built on chasis, trailors, automobile parts and accessories, tractors, wet grain grinders and certain other domestic appliances, utencils made of aluminium, steel almirahs, all kinds of furniture and office equipments, HDP woven sacks, cotton hosiery goods, cotton hank yarn plain reel, raw materials, components, processing materials and specified textile machinery spares.

(ii) Exception on sale of Kungumam powder, power tillers and predominantly labour-oriented works contracts like tailoring, book binding etc.

(iii) Increase in the exemption limit for appalam; vadam, etc.

(iv) Conversion of the system of levy of tax at dual points/multipoint to single point on certain items.

(v) Amendment of Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act, 1959.

Call given by Naya Sikkim Party

1661. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naya Sikkim Party has recently given a call for G.N.L.F. type agitation in Sikkim on the demand of reservation of Assembly seats; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Naya Sikkim Party was reportedly dissolved and in its place a new party styled "Sikkim Krantikari Morcha" was formed on